

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

The 2018 recyclables collection schedule inside this month's water bill contains dates for collection in your neighborhood.



## SNOW PARKING BAN

Town ordinance makes it clear that cars must be off the roads when one inch of snow falls.

Public Works takes pride in its snow removal and strives to complete its task without delay or detrimental impact to residents. We understand sometimes we may not meet your expectations or miss something. Please call public works at (219) 972-5083.

**SNOW REMOVAL MANNERS:** The town noise ordinance bans the use of snowblowers and snowplows in residential neighborhoods between midnight and 6 a.m. If you contract for snow removal, please schedule your service between 6 a.m. and midnight to avoid disturbing your neighbors.

## UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The cost of being late on your utility bill just went up. Beginning January 1, a new town law regarding due process and fees for delinquent utility customers went into effect. "Under the new rules, those who receive a disconnection notice will have the right to appeal their case to a board of representatives appointed by the water and sanitary boards as well as a utility supervisor," Highland Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin said.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact the Utility Clerk at (219) 972-7589.



## ABOUT VIPS

VIPs assist police officers with a variety of tasks including: home checks, traffic patrols, funeral escorts, finger printing, filing, typing, even answering telephones.

Assignments vary per ability and interest. All hours and shifts available.

Interested? Please call VIPS Coordinator Sgt. Glenn Cox at (219) 838-3184 or visit [highlandpolice.com](http://highlandpolice.com) to download an application.

## COUNTYWIDE VIPS NETWORK READY FOR EMERGENCIES

When Highland's VIPS Coordinator Sgt. Glenn Cox noticed a gap in volunteer police services, he spearheaded a plan that has resulted in enhanced coordination and resource sharing between departments across three counties.

What began as a Lake County effort quickly expanded to include agencies from Porter and LaPorte counties.

The result: increased volunteer police services in any participating community that is able to mobilize quickly when needed at no cost.

"Each department is still an individual entity," Cox said. "What we have in place is a group that can be tapped for big events that are scheduled, such as the Lake County Fair and Victory for Veterans Ride, as well as natural or manmade disasters where resources are needed in a hurry."

The group, which meets quarterly in Highland for meetings and training, is taking the VIPS program to the next level.

Already a big fan of his Volunteers in Police Services members, Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said the initiative makes a wonderful program even better.

"There is no one agency that can manage a disaster on its own. What Glenn and his officers have done is to create an impressive network of volunteer personnel who work hand-in-hand," Hojnicky said. "Relying on a coordinated group of volunteers across counties makes any disaster more manageable. We couldn't do what we do without them." 🐦

## CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about crime trends in your neighborhood as well as innovative ways Highland police are fighting the bad guys during our Crime Watch meetings.

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. **JAN. 10**

**WHERE:** HPD Community Room

**INFO:** Please call Sgt. Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.

## SEEKING DONATIONS

The Highland Police department is seeking \$5 gift card or gift certificate donations from Highland businesses.

Five or six prizes will be awarded at each Crime Watch meeting to encourage participation. Businesses will be acknowledged.

**INFO:** Email Sgt. Shawn Anderson at sanderson@highland.in.gov for more information.



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## CONSTRUCTION CREWS OFF TO GREAT START ON CARDINAL CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

A pivotal project for 2018 got an early start.

Eager to begin work on his signature clinic, Veterinary Surgeon Claude Gendreau's construction team installed underground utilities, foundation and walls before year's end.

The \$50 million plan – known as Cardinal Campus – is located along Main between Indianapolis and Prairie Avenue. The development will be constructed in phases, beginning with the veterinary surgery center (pictured above).

"We've been talking about this for more than a year," Councilman Bernie Zemen said. "This is a project like none other we've seen. It is exciting to see it moving forward." 🐦



### ABOUT CARDINAL CAMPUS

Located east of Prairie Avenue along Main, the 9.24-acre Cardinal Campus will feature a professional office park and 30-room boutique hotel.

**INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) to view renderings and complete project details.

## NORTH KENNEDY AVENUE RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT

As development proceeds in south Highland, interest is growing from hoteliers and higher-end restaurants looking to locate on the north.

Strategically located near the bustling Borman exit at Kennedy Avenue and across the Little Calumet River from a spurt of construction in nearby Hammond, the land currently houses Sharp Athletic Complex and Public Works.

It was a \$2 million loan from Highland that provided seed money to clear land in Hammond. Council President Dan Vassar said it is time for Highland to engage developers while finalizing a decision to move the town garage.

"There is venture capital available for development in hot markets and north Kennedy Avenue is all that," Vassar said. "The council has looked at our options for moving Public Works and will be advancing that project this year."

As president of the Redevelopment Commission, Councilman Bernie Zemen said he is receiving calls from well-known names who want to invest.

"Developing the north end will transform the entire corridor," Zemen said. "It also has the potential to find the ideal development for vacant land closer to downtown." 🐦

## Community Organization Spotlight

# HIGHLAND EXPLORERS

Just two years young, Highland Explorers are carving a path to further the arts and humanities among their peers while building the post's membership.

Post Advisor Erica Dananay said the national explorers group, an offshoot of Boy Scouts of America, is all about cultivating leadership skills among youth ages 14-20.

"We have adults to supervise but this organization relies on the youth to create, develop and implement programs and activities," Dananay said. "That means they make it happen. It's all up to them"

For the Poetry Slam in February, Explorers are creating content rules, recruiting participants and judges, finding a venue, determining prices and promoting the event.

Both of the town's Poet Laureates — Janine Harrison and Lily Rex — are working with the group and have agreed to serve as judges.

Plans are already in the works for Highland's first-ever youth film festival, which is planned to debut in May. Patterned after the wildly popular 48-hour film festivals that take place annually in larger cities across the country, Dananay said the film fest is an ambitious event that plays to the interests of the group.

"Our kids are excited. The Highland Explorers post was founded and attached to the Town Theatre project," she said. "When the project was disbanded, several members of the group stayed together. This film festival will be a nod to the group's origin."

Filmmaking • Music • Theater  
Improv • Art • Financial Management  
Oral History • Historic Preservation  
Creative Writing • Library Science

### BECOME A MEMBER

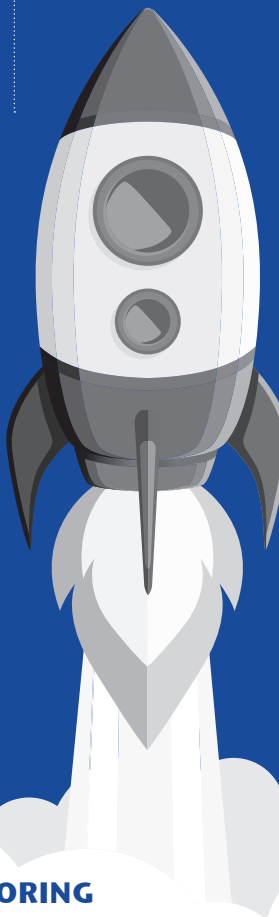
The Highland Arts & Humanities Careers Exploring Post connects with industry professionals to gain hands-on, real-world experiences.

### WHO CAN JOIN?

Young women and men, ages 14 to 20.

### MORE INFORMATION

Contact Post Advisor Erica Dananay at (219) 838-0969 or email [ericadananay@hotmail.com](mailto:ericadananay@hotmail.com)



[PATHWAYTOADVENTURE.ORG/EXPLORING](http://PATHWAYTOADVENTURE.ORG/EXPLORING)

## Let's play ball!



### BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

It's time to register for the Highland Babe Ruth and Travel League.

**BABE RUTH:** Ages 13 to 15

**SENIOR BABE RUTH:** Ages 16 to 19

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **JAN. 27** and **FEB. 10 and 24.**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center Room 109

**FEE:** \$200 per player

**NOTE:** Both divisions are open to any players who reside in Lake County, IN.

**INFO:** Call Highland Babe Ruth President Dan Vassar at (219) 924-1945 or [highlandbaberuth@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandbaberuth@yahoo.com).



### LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Boys and girls can register now for the following Little League divisions: T-Ball, Rookie, Minor B, Minor A, Majors.

**LEAGUE AGES:** 4 to 12

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **JAN. 20, FEB. 3 and 17, MARCH 3**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center

**NOTE:** Players MUST turn 4 by August 31, 2018 and reside or go to school in Highland. Birth certificate and proof of residency are required at registration.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Opens Jan. 1 at [www.highlandll.com](http://www.highlandll.com).

**INFO:** Email HLL President Lisa Stacy at [info@highlandll.com](mailto:info@highlandll.com).



### SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION

Spring registration starts in January each year and must be closed by early February in order for teams to be created and declared to the Northwest Indiana Soccer League.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **JAN. 13, 20, 27**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center Banquet Hall

**TRAVEL TEAMS:** The travel league consists of players ages 8 through 14. All players must provide a wallet-sized picture. New players must show proof of age and purchase a uniform — jersey, shorts, socks — from the club.

**IN-HOUSE TEAMS:** The in-house league consists of players ages 4 through 12, divided into three age divisions. All players receive trophies/medals.

**FEE:** \$85 in person or online. \$110 late registration after **JAN. 29.** \$10 early-bird discount before **JAN. 14.**

**INFO:** Visit [highlandsoccer.org](http://highlandsoccer.org).



## JUNIOR PAINT WORKSHOPS

Trained Instructor Stephanie Spencer will lead youth - ages 7 through 12 - step-by-step as they paint their own 12" x 12" canvas. It's a fun, stress-free class. No experience is required.

**WHEN:** 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, **JAN. 11** (Cheshire Cat) and **FEB. 8** (Love).

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$15 residents / \$18 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

## CANVAS PAINT WORKSHOPS

Trained Instructor Stephanie Spencer will show you step-by-step how to paint your own 16" x 20" canvas. It's a fun, stress-free class. No experience is required. Ages 13 and older.

**WHEN:** 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, **JAN. 11** (Hatter Clock) and **FEB. 8** (Candy Hearts).

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$25 residents / \$30 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

## CARNIVAL & VENDOR FAIR

Highland Parks & Recreation will host a free indoor carnival and vendor fair for special needs individuals. We'll have a bounce castle, basketball, volleyball, crafts with face painting, table tennis and more! There will also be wellness vendors on site with informational literature.

**WHEN:** 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, **FEB. 4**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

## BIDDY BOWLING

Biddy Bowling is a non-instructional five-week program for boys and girls ages 4 to 11. Join us for a game of bumper bowling each week!

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays,

**FEB. 10** through **MARCH 10**

**WHERE:** Plaza Lanes, 8101 Kennedy Ave.

**FEE:** \$36 residents / \$39 nonresidents

**REGISTRATION:** Deadline is **FEB. 9** at Lincoln Community Center.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

## DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads and their daughters — ages 3 to 13 — are invited to enjoy dancing, light refreshments and DJ entertainment at the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance: A Knight for a Princess. Photographers provide one free photo. Extra photos are available for purchase.

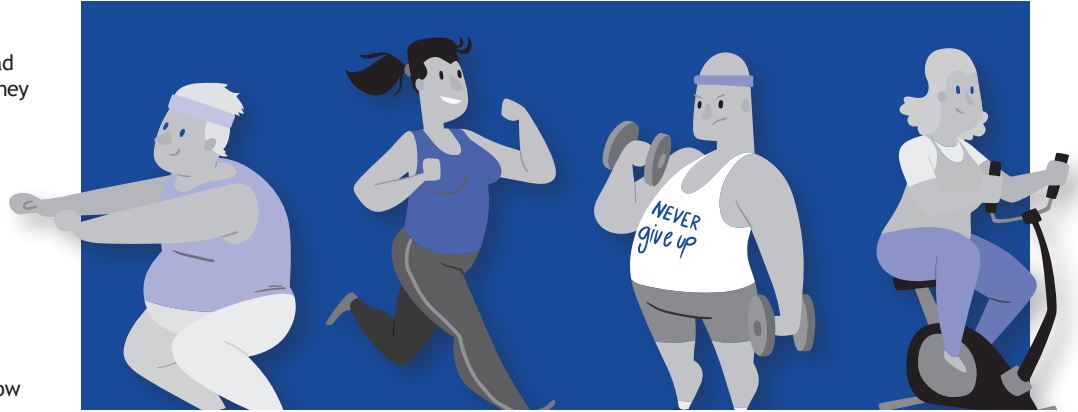
**WHEN:** 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, **FEB. 9**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center Fieldhouse

**FEE THROUGH FEB. 4:** \$20 resident couple/\$25 nonresident couple and \$10/\$12.50 each additional daughter

**LATE FEE FEB. 5-8:** \$25/\$30 couple and \$12.50/\$15 each additional daughter. No tickets will be sold the day of the dance.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.



# FITNESS FUN

Commit to a healthier you in 2018. Join the Lincoln Fitness Center and pay no initiation fee! Start working on a better you! From weights to yoga, we have something for everyone.

### *Cody's AM Circuit Class*

Short on time? This morning class is great for improving cardio and building strength. Designed for beginners to intermediate, the circuit takes you through exercises using your own body weight and various equipment. Fees apply.

**WHEN:** 7-7:55 a.m. Tuesdays,  
**JAN. 9** through **FEB. 13**

### *IntenSati™*

This high-intensity cardio class incorporates dance, aerobics, kick-boxing and yoga while using powerful and uplifting spoken affirmations for a workout that moves your body — and shifts your state of mind. Fees apply.

**WHEN:** 8-8:55 p.m. Wednesdays,  
**JAN. 3** through **FEB. 7**

### *Personal Training*

Commit to fitness with a personal trainer. Get one-on-one attention with the New Client Special: three personal training sessions for \$99.

### *SilverSneakers*

Lincoln Fitness Center is an official location for SilverSneakers, the nation's leading fully-funded Medicare exercise program for adults 65 and older. If you have a SilverSneakers membership, you are eligible for a pass to our fitness center and these classes:

#### *SilverSneakers Classic*

Increase strength and range of movement for daily living.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. Mondays

#### *SilverSneakers Yoga*

Relaxing exercise, breathing and meditation restore good health.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays

#### *SilverSneakers BOOM*

Low-impact class designed to increase your energy and strength.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Fridays

**INFO:** Call Lincoln Center at (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org.